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LETTER DATED 27 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Alarming reports are being received from the Azerbaijani Republic where Armenian armed forces occupied the town of Agdam last week and since then have been carrying out a large scale offensive against another Azeri town, Fizuli.

As a result of this recent Armenian aggression, many casualties have been reported and 50,000 Azerbaijanis have been forced out of their homes.

Until now, Armenia has refused to adhere to the timetable of urgent steps for the implementation of Security Council resolution 822 which calls for immediate withdrawal of all occupying forces from the Kelbedjar district and other recently occupied areas of Azerbaijan. A large portion of the Azerbaijani territory still remains under Armenian occupation.

The occupation of Agdam and the new military aggression against Fizuli carried out at a time when the Minsk Group is about to hold a meeting in Rome confirm once again Armenia's unwillingness for a peaceful solution of the conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan. They also constitute a serious blow to regional peace and security and provide ample evidence of Armenia's aggressive attitude.

In the light of these alarming developments in a region contiguous to Turkey, my Government requests the Security Council to urgently consider this situation in order to stop the aggression against Azerbaijan and secure the immediate withdrawal of the Armenian forces from all occupied Azeri territories.

I will appreciate it if this letter is circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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